

Alma

Chicago, November 1, 1930.

Dear Reine and Devere:

Just a few hours before I was compelled to leave on Wednesday, we found that we are in an exceedingly serious financial predicament, for the following reasons:

1. An error in the accounts made us think that we were closing last year with only a small deficit, whereas the deficit carried over to this year's budget was \$5,102.
2. In our budget estimate of earnings for subscriptions it now appears in the light of the last circulation report that we probably overestimated annual receipts by \$3,000. The actual paid circulation on September 30th was only 6,704. In addition there were 4,044 subsidized subscriptions and 606 exchange and free copies. This is simply terrible!
3. The returns from the 900 personal letter appeals that I made were the worst on record - about 25 replies with a total money value of less than \$200!!

The situation can be summarized as follows:

Liabilities

1. Budget Estimate of Annual Expenditures -	
minus possible cut of \$1,962.00.....	\$ 40,000.
2. Deficit brought forward.....	5,102.
	<u>\$ 45,102.</u>

Assets

1. Revised Estimate of Earnings from Paid		
Subscriptions - although this estimate		
may still be too high.....	\$11,000	
2. Gift Subscriptions.....	1,000	
3. Advertising.....	2,000	
4. Royalties.....	500	
5. Receipts from D.A. Book.....	250	
6. Readers' Digest.....	700	
	<u>\$15,450</u>	
7. Pledges:		
Hoover.....	\$5000	
Eddy.....	5000	
Renewals.....	4000	14,000
(Cochrane, Forbes, etc.)		<u>29,450</u>
		<u>YET TO SECURE.....\$15,652</u>

Where is this \$15,000 to come from? I do not know. Mrs. Blaine is in California and only a remote prospect. Sherwood says he cannot possibly do anything beyond his \$5,000 pledge. Nevin is staggering under a terrible load already. My schedule is overcrowded until the end of February. Mac is willing to do what he can but this is an awful year to raise money.

I am \$3,500 behind in my personal account for the year ending December 31, 1930, including a loan of \$1,000 I was compelled to make in October. My personal expenses next year will be increased considerably due to the fact Alma's bad health makes it necessary to send both our children away to school.

I do not say the old ship is sinking - but, boys, she is leaking like a sieve!!

The most serious aspect is the falling circulation. Are we justified in sinking so much money and energy for such a limited circulation? The prospect of spending a lot of time raising money fills me with alarm. When I return to New York on the 13th we must make some quick decisions. In the meantime we must all give the matter serious consideration.

The experiences at Bethany College on Thursday and Friday make me determined to spend more time not less in the colleges.

Affectionately yours,

Address me
Hotel Morrison,
Chicago,
until November 10.

SHERWOOD EDDY
347 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY

November 3, 1930

Dear Kirby:

Howard is away but I will try to have a realistic talk with him as you suggest.

✓ The W. T. would make no difference in our relations. That is, so long as I had anything to give, I would continue \$5,000 either to you personally or to the World Tomorrow, and I see no prospect of being in such hard times that that would not be possible.

Affectionately yours,

Sherwood
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Mr. Kirby Page
Hotel Morrison
Chicago, Ill.

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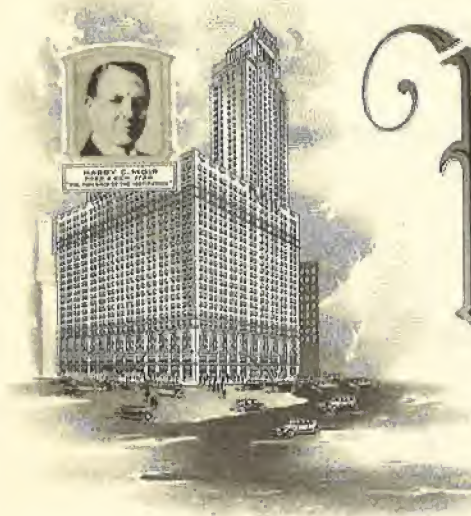
Dear Kirby:

Your letter distresses me very much. Alma told me that there was a deficit but I had no idea until your letter came how serious the situation is. What is I think most disturbing of all is the low paid circulation. I don't know what to suggest. I feel the more impotent because I can not help financially. I have been wanting to tell you for some time that my own personal affairs are seriously complicated in somewhat the fashion of your own. I have had to help my brother this year to the extent of \$3,000 and he cost me that much last year. He is suffering from a tubercular condition in the ear and while he is working again now, has been almost totally dependent upon me. He has cost me so much that even a five hundred dollar savings which I had when I left Detroit is gone. I am turning my increased salary since my full professorship over to Sherwood.

I do not see how we can do anything until you return to New York and we can have a conference. I should think it might be well if just you and Nevin and I got together on it. Its too bad that Devere is not here this year, so that important decisions must be taken without him. I wish I knew what to suggest. Obviously it would be a terrible loss to have to give up the ship. Yet a deficit of \$15,000 is a serious matter. I am simply dumbfounded by the whole proposition.

Told Gladys last week that my vote after looking the editorial on prohibition over again very carefully was for its publication. I think it is sound and that that particular kind of note needs to be struck.

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Sweetest Alma:

Had two excellent meetings at the University of Chicago on Sunday. Spoke first at the banquet of International Students with 300 present. Then addressed a larger public meeting with C. C. Morrison and Professor Knight of the University as fellow speakers.

Yesterday afternoon spoke to a dozen influential women in a private home in Oak Park and last night addressed the Oak Park Forum. Wonderful response.

Speak me WCFL tonight
and then go to Hammond for a
Forum.

Writing a lot!

Love for

Daddy

The Hindustan Association hung a
garland of roses about my
neck! It was hard on
speaking but I was
a beautiful sight!

Devere Allen,
c/o Brown, Shipley & Cpy.
123, Pall Mall,
London. S.W.
England.

5th November 1930.

Mr. Kirby Page,
52, Vanderbilt Avenue,
New York City.
U. S. A.

Dear Kirby,

You people at home are certainly mighty good to me. I can't tell you how much I appreciated having that fine cablegram about the successful World ToMorrow dinner. While I realise the marvellous attractions that were held forth to the guests, even at that there must have been a great deal of competition among the various radical enterprises that get under way in New York just at that time every autumn. You and Mac must have done some mighty good work between you to handle it so well.

I am eagerly awaiting the November issue which has not yet arrived but which will be along any time now.

I am very much interested by what you say in your letter of 24th October regarding information on India. I think your estimate is very sound that the real test will come when the report of the Round Table Conference is made public. Nobody here has the least idea when it will end. There is always, of course, the possibility that Labour will be thrown out of office during the Round Table Conference, but the Government is doing its best to stay in office at any cost, and it is possible that by promising the alternative voting system to the Liberals, they will be able to remain in office for another year or two. The Conservatives are less eager to attack right now than they were a few weeks ago simply because they are terribly divided. Baldwin won out in the Party Conference which restored his prestige somewhat by a vote of over four to one. However, in the South Paddington

election Beaverbrook's candidate won out and this was a slap at Baldwin's influence, and will, undoubtedly, hearten the reactionary rebels within the Party ranks. As I see it, this, too, will have a tendency to delay the General Election.

The only joke in the situation is that the Tories may realise that if they wish to bring unity within their Party, it may be necessary to precipitate an open conflict and Baldwin may possibly wish to hold himself in the saddle by this method if everything else should fail. All this, of course, affects Government thought on India, and I feel the general trend will be to assure the Labour Government of an extended term of life and this, in turn, will tend to make them adopt towards India a more compromising and postponing sort of policy. Let me assure you with all the depth of my conviction that so far as the controlling influences of the present Government go there is no sincere intention to do anything for India ~~without~~ *that squares* ~~quarrels~~ with the Socialist principles which have been spoken for the past generation. *a somewhat but farious*

11111 I don't know at the present time what information you are getting about India. There are numerous things being issued here, among them the mimeographed editions of "Young India". At your convenience I wish you would send me a list of just what things you are getting on India. I will take this up with Fenner and others here who are in a position to see that what you are not getting is put into your hands. I must say, however, that the longer I stay here the surer I am that what the United States thinks about India is of very little significance excepting as it may serve to hearten the Indians themselves in their struggles. What the Indian propagandists do here in England, in my judgment is of absolutely no importance whatever. The one thing that counts most is the struggle of the Indians themselves in India, and next to that, the activities of British ~~X~~iberals and ~~X~~adicals in the British Isles. Nevertheless, we must do, of course, what we can. This view does somewhat incline me to doubt whether it is wise for Nevin to take the time at this juncture of the Fellowship's affairs to go into India. In talking with Nevin, you might pass on these thoughts for whatever they seem worth to you.

When Fenner was in the States last winter, he and Mac and I talked somewhat about our getting an article by somebody in England describing the way in which the working class movements utilise the theatre and the cinema for the production of plays with Labour interests. Our inability to pay for material is

a handicap over here where almost everything is paid for at a low price at least. I have more or less made an informal "deal" whereby I am to get an article through "The New Leader" people on that subject by giving them an article myself if the outcome seems to justify it. It will probably be several weeks, however, before the article is in your hands.

I don't feel just now like asking Mosley for an article. Frankly, I am not clear yet in my judgment of Mosley and I fear his influence. Undoubtedly, he is one of the most brilliant men in the Movement, but he is by no means as strong an Internationalist as I should wish, and he is at the point of committing British Labour, if he could do it, to a rather narrow Protectionist policy on tariffs. I should recommend waiting a little longer, because, at the moment, what he would give us might be most disappointing.

Thanks ever so much for sending me the Barnes Review of Schmitt's book. I suppose there may be something of personal bitterness between these two, but, while I will make no attempt to apologise for Barnes, I read between the lines, I think, a tremendous hatred of intellectual dishonesty, and if Schmitt has not been guilty of that, I am greatly mistaken.

I was sure the October number would bring favourable comments. I am somewhat surprised to learn that a dozen people cancelled their subscriptions. It seems incredible that the public can still be so misinformed, but the fact that there were cancellations is the best possible evidence that we ought to go along on the same track without faltering.

Affectionately,

Severe

- RS.
- 1) I dictated this to a stenographer because I have been snowed under. She couldn't get my idiom!
 - 2) I spoke before the Friends of India night before last. They are the true Gandhiists here. I got many pledges of new information & will send some soon. Reginald Reynolds is the brains & soul of the movement here, apart from Fenner.

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FORREST H. KIRKPATRICK
Executive Secretary to President

November 5, 1930

Mr. Kirby Page
347 Madison Avenue
New York City


My dear Mr. Page:

I cannot tell you how much we appreciated your visit to Bethany College. We all feel that it was immensely worthwhile. It has provided us with a new point of view and it has stimulated our thinking along the lines of practical Christianity.

We appreciate your kindness in coming, your graciousness in allowing a heavy program to be thrust upon you, and your patience with our lack of information and our provincial thinking.

With every good wish and kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



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Mr. Kirby Page
347 Madison Ave.
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Dear Kirby:

I feel entirely unable to express the gratitude of the Northwestern students who heard you on Wednesday for the contribution which you made to their thinking. It was certainly good of you to give us so much time from your hurried schedule. Please accept our most sincere thanks for this time. As you know, we are all immensely interested in the work which you are doing throughout the country. Allow me to extend my very best wishes for your continued success in this fine work.

Cordially yours,

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Mr. Kirby Page,
347 Madison Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Page,-

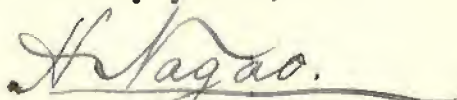
Upon my return from a rather extensive trip through the southern part of Japan, I found yesterday the copy of your book, "Jesus or Christianity" which was kindly sent me with your compliments through Mr. Durgin.

I have not yet had time to read it, but am anticipating doing so with eagerness and expectation. May I express to you in this very inadequate way my thanks and appreciation for your kindness in sending this book to me.

We did not see nearly enough of you and Mr. Eddy while you were here last spring, and we are hoping that it may be possible in the not too far distant future for you to make another visit to Japan. We appreciated very much all you did for the Tokyo Young Men's Christian Association while you were here.

Again thanking you, and with cordial personal best wishes, I remain

Faithfully yours,


Hampei Nagao.

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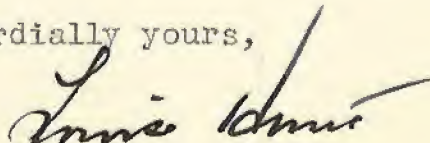
I want to take a moment to tell you how very much your lecture here was appreciated. I think that in all our courses (this is the beginning of our fifth season) I have seldom, if ever, had so many enthusiastic comments as we have received about your lecture on Thursday.

We had one rather unusual and interesting expression of appreciation yesterday. A woman who is particularly interested in Hindu philosophy was so much impressed with the lecture that she sent in a dollar bill as a gift to the Library. When I thanked her for it she told me that she would have liked to have the opportunity to hear the lecture right over again. I am going to try to select a suitable book, either one of yours or one about Gandhi or Buddha, that can be bought for a dollar and have this woman's name inscribed in it.

As for myself, I think the lecture was one of the finest I have ever heard in my rather long career as a lecture fan. It appealed to me not only on account of the remarkably fair and clear presentation, but also because it seems to me that no one could have listened to it without being spurred on to think and in his thinking to apply in a realistic way to the human problems presented, both his religious and his political idealism.

With kindest regards.

Cordially yours,



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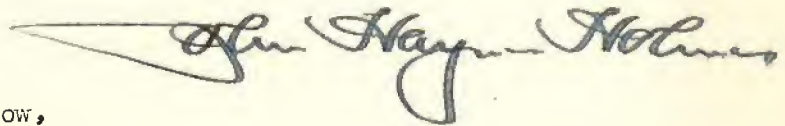
OFFICE
12 PARK AVENUE

Dear Kirby:

I am distressed this morning to hear from you that the World Tomorrow is facing so critical a financial situation. It seems to me as though I had no more groans left for situations of this kind, so discouraged I am. I tremble when I think of the winter before us, and speculate as to how our various interests are going to survive. It will not be easy for me to get to the meeting on next Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock, as this hour is very bad for me, but I am noting it on my Calendar in the hope that I may attend.

I have just now heard from Rabbi Goldstein that you have kindly accepted our invitation to speak with Reinhold Niebuhr at our Community Thanksgiving Service at Carnegie Hall on Thanksgiving morning. In answer to the Rabbi's suggestion and insistence, I am adding myself to the program to the end of rounding out a world survey and peace appeal from the standpoint of Asia, Europe, and America. I have not yet found the exact phrasing of the topic, but our main objective must be world peace, and we want you to speak from the standpoint of Asia, Niebuhr from the standpoint of Europe, and I will speak for America. If you and Niebuhr will take from twenty to twenty-five minutes each, I will wind up with fifteen minutes. I hope that this may be satisfactory. I may add that our service begins promptly at 10:45.

Very sincerely yours,



Mr. Kirby Page,
The World Tomorrow,
52 Vanderbilt Avenue,
New York City.

Important

1344-71st Street,
Brooklyn, New York,
November 10th, 1930.

Kirby Page, Esq.,
c/o Y. M. C. A. Headquarters,
347 Madison Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

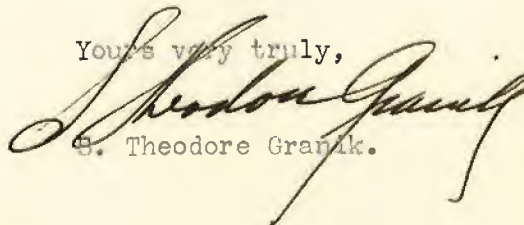
You may be aware of the series of Forum Debates which I am conducting over Radio Station W O R in New York City every Sunday afternoon from 3:00 to 3:45 P.M. My speakers include prominent men and women in our public life, and any subject of general current interest is eligible for discussion. This series is arousing great interest throughout the country as evidenced by the many hundreds of complimentary letters received aswell as the numerous newspaper comments on each of the debates.

Miss Cornelia Sorabji, whom you may know, accepted my invitation to participate in one of these debates. She expressed the desire to discuss the question "that coercion is unjustifiable even when cited as a means to the attainment of freedom" and as she is opposed to the principles of Ghandi, she would be glad to bring this question into the discussion. It has occurred to me that you may be interested in opposing her in such a debate. If this appeals to you, I would be very happy to arrange this debate, and I am confident that it would arouse much interest and discussion in the public mind.

We have tentatively arranged the date of November 23rd next, from 3:00 to 3:45 P.M. Would you be kind enough to advise me at your earliest convenience in regard to the above, so that we can release same to the newspapers, if same is satisfactory to you.

Trusting that I may have the pleasure of your acceptance, I remain,

Yours very truly,


S. Theodore Granik.

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Dr. Kirby Page,
The World Tomorrow, Inc,
52 Vanderbilt Ave,
New York. N. Y.

Dear Dr. Page:-

Russel Durgin of the Tokyo Y.M.C.A. forwarded to me a copy of "Jesus or Christianity", by Dr. Kirby Page. I take for granted that his book was meant for distribution by its author, for which I take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation and gratitude.

This book will be a valueable addition to my library, and I will be exceedingly delighted to go through the entire bok and comment upon with my staff members.

I would like to congratulate you for the success of the book and also to make such contribution to the religious world and to the religious-minded community whroughout the world. I would like to re-call your attention to the occassion of your recent visit to Japan, especially to Osaka, and more so at the gathering at our Y.M.C.A.

We still feel the impulse and the rythum of your impressive message, sending a key-note of the conditions - religious, educational, political and socially of the world of the present day. I hope you can re-visit us again.

With kind greetings for the season, I am

Yours very respectfully,

Y. Miura
Y. Miura, General Secretary,
Osaka, Y. M. C. A.

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Mr. A. A. MacLeod,
c/o The World Tomorrow,
Rm. 410-52 Vanderbilt Ave.,
New York City.

Dear Mr. MacLeod:

I am very sorry that I failed to send you the review of Boris Bogan's book "Born A Jew". Having taken my vacation quite a bit later than I usually do, and as a result being swamped with the opening of our fall program, I completely overlooked the matter. I shall endeavor to get this review to you within a few weeks.

We had Mr. Kirby Page here last Monday evening in debate with Mr. Maurice Samuel. It was a magnificent evening. While we have been running rather large audiences of between 1,800 and 2,200 people, we had an intensely interested group here last Monday evening. The audience numbered about 2,000, and from the comment made to me from all sides since Monday, it was a program that I was very proud of.

My own viewpoint has very much in common with that of Dr. J. L. Magnes. I have little interest in Palestine as a political center, because my convictions regarding nationalism are not so pronounced as that of the fiery Zionists. I too believe in Palestine as a cultural center.

With heartiest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

S. D. Schwartz
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November 15, 1930

Rev. Kirby Page
 347 Madison Avenue
 New York, N. Y.

My dear Kirby:

I am enclosing a clipping from the Washington Evening Star to which I referred on the telephone the other day. I am sorry about this in the sense that I seem to be stealing some of the publicity that should be going to the World Tomorrow. There was also a short A. P. story in the New York Evening Post a week or so ago.

I want to remind you of your promise to be with us Tuesday. Your theme, as arranged by telephone, will be "Germany, Reparations and the Peace Problem."

Mr. Houghton, our Chairman, will preside, and short addresses are to be made by Mr. James G. McDonald, Professor Philip C. Jessup, and yourself.

Cordially yours,

Walter

Walter W. Van Kirk

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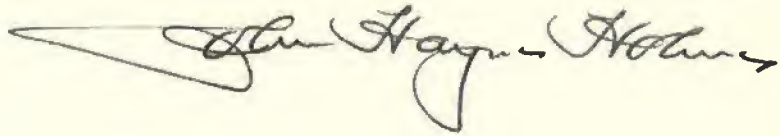
Dear Kirby:

I enclose a Calendar which gives the announcement of your address here at our Forum next Sunday night. I know that you have this in mind. The meeting begins promptly at 8 o'clock and follows the usual Forum procedure of an hour's address for the speaker, followed by questions and discussion. I may be away next Sunday, in which case my colleague, Mr. McAfee, will greet you and take charge of the meeting.

I have had much on my mind since Friday last, the meeting of our "World Tomorrow" directors. I cannot face the possibility of the passing of our Magazine without distress, but my chief concern is for yourself. I thought I detected in what you said a real personal anxiety and also a desire to break away from a responsibility which was becoming a heavier burden than you could carry. In all this I sympathize profoundly, and feel, as one who cannot help to any extent to lift the burden with you, that I have no right to urge you unduly to "carry on." Nonetheless, I feel that the "World Tomorrow" is a precious thing, and I cling to the hope that you may find some way of continuing the paper. I personally would be willing to favor to any extent the cutting down of the size of the magazine, and the reduction of its budget, for the sake of continuing its life. Nor do I think that such drastic changes, especially in times like these, would diminish seriously the prestige of the magazine or the power and scope of its influence. May I add just two things! First, do not under-estimate the importance of the position which the editorship of such a paper gives you in your general lecture work and writing. Also, do not minimize the importance of the leadership that you assert over a constituency of such a character as that which clusters about "The World Tomorrow." I hope that we may have another and larger meeting for the final discussion of this important question.

With all best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Hay". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed closing "Very sincerely yours,".

Mr. Kirby Page,
The World Tomorrow,
52 Vanderbilt Avenue,
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November 17, 1930.

Nov. 24

Mr. Kirby Page,
347 Madison Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Page:

Relative to the telegram which you have received concerning the debate, we are scheduling it for Monday night, November 24th, at eight o'clock. It is being sponsored under the joint auspices of the Christian Association and the Liberal Club. We are asking Luther Tucker, President of the Christian Association, to preside. Mr. Sheridan strongly objected to the inclusiveness of our last proposed topic, so, with your permission, we are changing it back to the first one: Resolved, That the United States Should Further Reduce Its Naval Armaments. But we do not want you to feel that you are strictly limited to this question. After all, the debate is nothing more than a discussion showing forth two basic philosophies. From what we know of Sheridan, he will probably quote the classics from Socrates to Rudyard Kipling and he certainly will not be prepared to go into any technical discussions of figures on parity, etc. I understand that he is quite willing to admit that the Versailles Treaty is unjust and he does not subscribe to the German war guilt doctrine. He does passionately believe, however, that war is inevitable and that we must have a navy surpassed by no other country.

Mr. Sheridan has raised the question as to what kind of clothes he shall wear and we have suggested that a dark business suit will be most appropriate.

We deeply appreciate your willingness to come up here for this occasion. There seems to be reason to believe that most of the naval unit members will be present to hear the debate.

Cordially yours,

James C. Rettie.

James C. Rettie.

1107 Higashinakano,

Tokyo-fu,

Nov. 18th 1930.

Mr. Kirby Page,

347 Madison Avenue,

New York City.

Dear Mr. Page:--

Mr. Durgin forwarded me a copy of your book "Jesus or Christianity". I have found it very helpful and already introduced some passage out of it to the audience in a certain meeting recently. I heartily thank you for your kindness in remembering me and highly appreciate the thoughts you expressed in this inspiring treatise.

Yours very sincerely,

T. Mayeda

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J. PAUL REED

November 18, 1930.

Mr. Kirby Page,
347 Madison Avenue,
New York,
U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Page:

Thank you for yours of October 23rd and for the pamphlets. You did not mention the point about permission to use Mr. Hapgood's pamphlet, but I take it from the tone of your letter that you have no objection, since due acknowledgment will be given. As I said, Mr. Hapgood had already given his permission, and I have lately had another letter from him after I explained that I was writing you, in which he says:

I have already written you you have my full permission to do anything you wish with my pamphlet, but I am glad you wrote Kirby Page for his permission. I am sure he will give it to you.

If I can do so, I will be glad to send news items as you suggested, tho there are others here who could do it far better. Do you get Miss Topping's occasionally published pamphlet, 'Friends of Jesus' and the 'Japan Christian Quarterly' ? These should have points of interest to World Tomorrow readers from time to time. Your name is on my quarterly letter mailing list, World Tomorrow office address.

Yours very truly,

Paul Reed

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Mr. Kirby Page
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Dear Kirby Page:

I am sorry that I have not answered your letter of October 29th before now. I am going to keep it on my desk and when I have some idea "burning in my mind" perhaps I shall submit an editorial. I think that there are various things that might be interesting to use in the "World Tomorrow," which we are in touch with and you will hear from me further.

May I say again how stirred I was by the address you made here? I had wanted to come and talk to you about the possibility of people in the Peace field going into India. I talked to Nevin about it when he was here. Miss Addams has felt that pacifists ought to be pouring in, in order to watch this great experiment, but the only people that have been suggested from the W.I.L. have been chiefly people passed sixty-five. That is partly because most of them are the only ones who can afford to go. My hope had been that we could get sent into India three or four people who could be vigorous and active in the next five years. Frederick Libby thinks we ought to get a person like Kathleen Norris, who is a pacifist, to go in order to write it from the popular novel point of view. In the meantime I am trying to get some of the motion picture producers to see this non-violent demonstration as more adventurous and exciting than military pictures.

I am going off for a three-week's trip but perhaps I shall be in New York some time in the next couple of months and if I do I should like very much to have a talk with you.

Cordially yours,

Dorothy Detzer
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20 Vesey Street
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November 20, 1930.

My dear Mr. Page:

I am more than sorry to learn by your letter of November 17 that the World Tomorrow will probably be compelled to suspend publication. I am one of that large number who have watched its work with admiration and who will feel that its suspension is a great loss.

We have considered as carefully as possible in the short time at disposal the many questions raised by the proposition in your letter and have come to the following conclusion. The Nation would be willing to take over the 7,000 bona fide World Tomorrow subscribers to the date of expiration, including all responsibility such as possible refunding to dissatisfied subscribers. This would not include the 4,000 subsidized subscribers. The taking-over of these 7,000 subscribers would mean to us a direct additional production cost of at least \$3,000 over a period of three months, and our only opportunity of recovering this cost would be, of course, in renewals. We fear that the percentage of renewals may be comparatively small. The subscribers to the World Tomorrow would scarcely care to lay out \$5.00 on a yearly subscription to The Nation, and it would therefore be necessary to offer perhaps a half-yearly subscription for about \$2.50. We are therefore in doubt whether we should even cover the direct costs of the transaction, and any gain that came to us would have to come essentially in such permanent circulation increase as accrued to us.

Our advertising manager tells us that an increase of even ten or fifteen thousand in the circulation of The Nation would make little difference in attracting advertising at the present time, and we could therefore not count on any tangible gain in advertising from such circulation increase as might come to us from taking over your list.

At the present time, therefore, we are unable to determine whether we should be justified, in addition to taking over all responsibility of the expirations of your 7,000 subscribers, in offering you some small percentage on renewals during the first six months, but I ought to say frankly that it looks to us doubtful, so far as we can now see. However, we should, of course, be glad to go further into the whole matter in case you should de-

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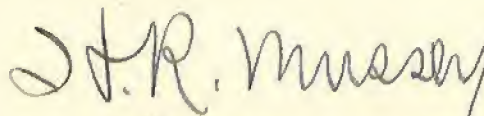
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cide to suspend publication. In any case, you may rest assured that we should be willing to take over your responsibilities to your subscribers.

With renewed assurance of my regret at the difficult circumstances in which the World Tomorrow finds itself, believe me

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "H. R. Mussey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Henry Raymond Mussey
Managing Editor.

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Dear Kirby:

Here's hoping you will find ways to make The World Tomorrow stick at your meeting Friday. As Miss Condon has told you, we should be interested in trying to work out a plan along the lines of your letter of November 17; but there are so many big values in your outfit and in the distinctive place The World Tomorrow is filling that I hope you pull it through.

Sincerely,

Paul U. Kellogg

Mr. Kirby Page
The World Tomorrow
52 Vanderbilt Ave.
New York City.

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Brooklyn N.Y.

Nov. 20, 1930.

Mr. Kirby Page.

Dear Sir -

I wish to thank you personally for your beautiful lecture, a few evenings since.

Mr. Gandai has truly a glimpse in you, and I notice that

Mr. Durant speaks at the Academy this eve. Subject - "Is Progress Real?" I shall be glad to listen to your following lectures -

Yours -

With sincere ^{and} regard -

I am truly yours

Ernest J. Carr

(over)

N.B. I have just finished a book
by John Randall - entitled - "The Spirit
of the New Philosophy" - It is written
in the same beautiful spirit as your
lecture. I am sure you would like
it,

London, Nov. 20, 1930.

Dear Kirby:

The attached letter is self-explanatory, but certain details which I thought at first I should place at the end, when I was addressing it to you alone, I must write here.

I am sorry it is so long; but it will take no longer to read than it would to hear the same proposition were I there.

Please ask the one who copies it to check carefully against any possible errors. It is too important to have mistakes creep in. Don't hesitate, if you comment on it, to criticise. It is to start discussion.

I am, naturally, worried about certain matters of personal concern. What happens to my book? What happens to the Barnes review if no December issue is brought out? What happens to my poetry books in the bookcase and other personal prized possessions? What happens to the stuff I have been sending to Sophie to store away in a box for my return? These are details, but they are naturally important. I know you will do on them what you can, but I feel it necessary to mention them since in the *belée* they ^{may} be overlooked.

I do hope it is not too late to explore, at least, the possibility of continuing with a reduced staff and paper as a transition; but I see many arguments against it. That must be settled on its merits.

I should like to write each member of the office staff a personal letter, but I can't. I have had to write before having my thoughts fully matured, in order to catch a fast ship.

Of course you will write me as fully and as often as circumstances permit, while the changes are in progress.

Do give my sorrowful good wishes to all the gang. I will write again when I have more news and understand things better.

Affectionately,

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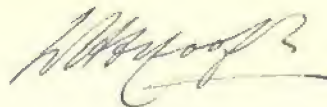
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Mr. Kirby Page,
347 Madison Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Page,

I want to thank you very deeply for your contribution to the American number of "The Student World". It will prove to non-American readers that even if America is complacent and cynical to quite a large degree there are voices which are everything but complacent and cynical. This is perhaps one of the most important things that need to happen in relations between America and other nations that we learn to differentiate and do not generalise so easily about each other. Your article will certainly help our readers to do this.

I am, yours most cordially,



W.A. Visser 't Hooft

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21st November 1930

Mr. Kirby Page,
347, Maddison Avenue,
New York City.
U.S.A.

Dear Kirby,

This is just a note to tell you that I have arranged with some people here to see that you are regularly supplied with copies of Indian papers which, in all probability, do not reach the States. They will doubtless come in miscellaneous bundles and will contain the sort of information indicated by the clippings I sent you not long since.

Affectionately yours,

Devere
P.S., I have decided to await further news before I write more about W.T. plans. But I still feel there is much in my letter, so far as it concerns size, emphasis, etc. that is worth serious thought. And even price and title. After the war, The World Tomorrow hit well - jibed with the idealism which said "we must build a better world on the ruins of the old." Now we must talk about what is already here, also. But good luck & bless you. I

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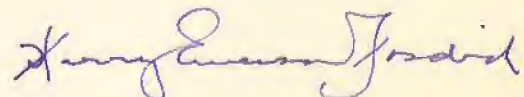
Dear Mr. Page:

I am very sorry indeed that it was impossible for me to be at the meeting Wednesday evening when you spoke on The Possibility of International Peace. I had a conference which lasted so late that it was out of the question for me to get in.

Mrs. Fosdick was there, however, and I hear from her and from other sources that you spoke with your customary force and effectiveness, and that in every way the meeting was a great success. I know that the people enjoyed it thoroughly, and that you added the force of new information to the growing attitude of liberal internationalism that I am sure we have in our church.

Thanks to you a thousand times for taking pains to do us this service, and best wishes always.

Most cordially yours,





OAKWOOD SCHOOL
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Nov. 23, 1930

Dear Mymie,
According to directions
I'm writing to tell you
I'm all safe and sound.
How'd the debate come off?
Did you get to speak first?
Did the women get all
flustered like the Jew or
Arabs? (whichever it was)
I've got the hem ~~there~~
quarters around. Everybody
says they like it. But
then all of us say that
about all the dresses.
(Don't mind the writing)
Love
Sunshine.

November 24, 1930

Dear Norman:

Mr. Charles Hershleb at this address is keenly interested in the program of the Socialist Party. He is an important man in this building.

If you could possibly take time to invite him out to lunch some day, it would be time well spent. I think he is in the mood to give active support to the Party. At any rate, I hope you will write him a friendly letter and send him some material

Herewith I enclose my own application for membership in the Socialist Party. I will be grateful you will pass it along to the right people.

Cordially yours,

Mr. Norman Thomas
112 E. 19th St.
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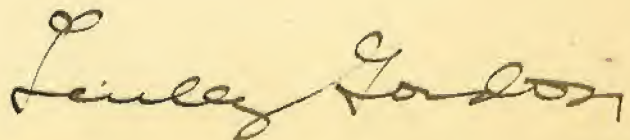
Mr. Kirby Page
347 Madison Avenue
New York City

My dear Kirby:

I listened with great profit to the debate over WOR yesterday. I voted for you. I think your stand is the true one. If I had had a thousand votes I would have given them to you. It seemed to me your statement of the case was eminently fair. You put the Ghandi position with unusual clarity.

In view of the fact that there is a censorship, and a very strong one in my judgment, in existence on all news from India and the only cable used is the British cable, I wish you could speak more often on the subject. It would help people in this country to arrive at a just conclusion.

Very cordially yours,



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Kirby Page,
347 Madison Ave.,
New York City.

Dear Kirby:

I had to rush for a train Friday afternoon and so did not manage to see you after our meeting. May I say now how grateful I am to you for reconsidering our World Tomorrow problem. I feel as though the World Tomorrow had risen from the dead and I am intensely happy about it. I think it was magnificent that Mac got a new contribution of \$2000. His whole conduct in the recent crisis struck me as very fine. I believe that you would do well now to encourage his cooperation in the business and policy of the magazine to the greatest possible extent. I also believe he would respond to this and of course to the extent his ideas are accepted and he shoulders business responsibility, including the raising of funds, ~~which~~ your time is freed for the things you *want* to do.

Of course you will naturally keep an eye on the financial statements and general running of things from month to month. I feel that I should also receive monthly statements and be consulted in the future before annual budgets are adopted. You understand, of course, that I am not finding fault but only suggesting that we must learn from our experience and that the last crisis struck us with much less warning than should have been the case.

I enclose copy of a letter which I have received from Reverend Gardiner M. Day, Rector of St. John's Church, Williamstown, Mass. I believe his idea is a good one. Possibly the World Tomorrow would like to give it some publicity - ~~Not in Headlines~~ *else-* where. If it is not too late the suggestion might be made that it would be appropriate for churches to devote one of their Christmas collections to some peace organization which is trying to make actual in our war-torn world a Christmas message of Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men.

With gratitude to you and all the World Tomorrow's staff for all that has been done to keep our flag flying,

Yours ever,

Nevin

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November 26, 1930

Mr. Kirby Page,
347 Madison Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Kirby:

I am glad to get your application to the Socialist
Party which I am passing on. We need men like you.

I am even more delighted that the World Tomorrow
can live.

I am writing Mr. Charles Herschleb.

I am sorry that I will probably be unable to come to
any part of the meeting of the Executive Committee of the L.I.P.A.
Some time I think the L.I.P.A. ought to consider whether or not
it will endorse specific measures and, if so, what measures.
Should it take a stand on unemployment insurance concretely?
What should it do on peace issues?

Personally I believe it should approach concrete
measures with great caution in this stage of its work. It ought
not to be diverted into a lobbying agency of which there are enough.
If it is to endorse any bills only the most important should be
considered. Among the important bills are, of course, those deal-
ing with unemployment and peace. I know that the Frager Amendment
has been called to your attention. It deserves consideration. I
should like to see the United States adopt such an amendment but
I think it would have to be a very different United States than
the one we have. And I don't believe that amendment can stand
alone in a peace program by a long, long ways. Agitation for it
may help to make it the kind of nation which will do the other
things as well.

Sincerely yours,



NT:FS

November 28, 1930.

Dear Ted:

It was good to get your letter of October 2nd. I am intensely interested in what you say about the Japanese students' interest in the class war. I have no doubt you are exactly where you ought to be. Do keep us in touch with what is going on. Significant clippings and other information will help us to be better interpreters of the situation.

We have been having terrible financial difficulties and for a while it looked as if The World Tomorrow would go under. We are now expecting to weather the storm.

Mrs. Page joins in sending best wishes to both of you.

Cordially yours,

Mr. Theodore D. Walser,
#9, 19ge, Mita Tsumanachi,
Shiba Ku,
Tokyo, Japan.

KP/M

624 Yale Station

New Haven Conn.

November 28, 1930

Dear Mr. Page,

I want to thank you once more, both personally and on behalf of Dwight Hall and the Liberal Club, for your splendid showing here on Monday night. A number of big-navy men have spoken to me since then, and they had never thought it possible that a pacifist could be so affable, so genial and yet present such a corking good argument for disarmament. There ~~were~~ a very large number of students at the debate who are in the Naval Unit and I was especially pleased to see the effect that it had on them. Most of them still say that we can't get along without our navy but they are not quite so unequivocally for a larger one as they were before.

So many of them had heretofore regarded pacifists as "nuts", so to speak and when they saw one in the flesh, I'm sure that it at least started their doubting as to the correctness of their definition.

I trust that you and Mr. Sheridan got back to New York intact and that Dr. McArthur functioned as the World Court better than our car did. The debate was an overwhelming victory for better world relations and I just hope that you were able to convert that old buzzard, Capt. Sheridan. I know him, so there's no disrespect intended.

I have inclosed a check for your expenses and wish you every success in the great work that you are doing. More power to you.

With kindest regards and very best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Laurence C. Moore

November 29, 1930.

My dear Miss Ledwith:

At the suggestion of Miss Gwinn I am enclosing a brief statement which you are free to use in connection with your Christmas number if it seems worthwhile to do so.

Cordially yours,

Miss Lucile Ledwith,
University Y.W.C.A.,
Lincoln, Nebraska.

KP/M

November 29, 1930.

Dear Maude:

I am sorry about the delay in replying to your letter of November 15th, but I have simply been swamped during the last few days.

I am sending Miss Ledwith a brief statement, copy of which I enclose, which you are at liberty to use if it seems worthwhile to do so.

We get very encouraging reports from our son in Arizona and are hopeful that two or three years will put him back on his feet.

Cordially yours,

Miss Maude Gwin,
National Student Council,
Y. W. C. A.,
320 McClintock Bldg.,
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KP/M

What Christmas Means to Me

Probably the noblest type of life found on this earth is that exhibited in a happy home on Christmas Day. Greed and fear and enmity are at their lowest ebb. Generosity and appreciation and affection are at their highest level.

Surely the most appropriate way to observe Christmas is to study afresh the life and teaching of the one whose birthday is being celebrated and to resolve that his attitudes shall find fuller expression in every aspect of our own conduct throughout the coming year. What a world it would be if the Christmas spirit reigned supreme in all the complex relationships of individuals, groups, nations and races!

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Mr. Kirby Page,
347 Madison Avenue,
N. Y. City.

Dear Kirby—

The stenographer has gone home for tonight and in the meantime we had an idea which is too excellent, I'm sure, to hold in Denver overnight!

We send to our girls each month a Newsletter, and I'm beginning now to think about the Christmas number. I wonder whether you would write a hundred or a hundred-fifty words on such a topic as: What Christmas Means To Me; or

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on: How Shall We Celebrate Christmas?

The general theme of the Christmas number will be toward a real understanding of Jesus and therefore toward a fitting celebration of Christmas, as opposed to the present commercial, hale-fellow-well-met, idea, where firms + individuals send cards more in the spirit of good business and opportunism — well, I need not elaborate.

But if you'll really do this we shall be ever so grateful and I'm sure those students who were at Estes will read with special gratitude what you

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Have to say. Could you send your
"creation" to Lucile Sedwith, of Univ. Y. W. C. A.,
U. of Nebraska, Lincoln, by Nov. 26, if
at all possible? I haven't left you
an opportunity to refuse, have I? Well,
of course.

H. Colvin tells me you took your son to
Arizona for his health. I do hope that climate
will fulfill all your hopes for him.

Yours very sincerely,
Maude J.

Nov 30, 1930

NOVEMBER 30

KIRBY PAGE

Dollars and World Peace

Mr. Page, who was once intercollegiate tennis champion of Iowa and a varsity basketball player, has since been an associate of Mr. Sherwood Eddy in his evangelistic work with soldiers in the war zone and with students in the Far East, and a minister in New York City. Still more recently he has been editor of *The World Tomorrow*, has written several widely-read books, ("The Abolition of War"; "War: Its Causes, Consequences, and Cure"); and, as a kind of champion traveller, has crossed the ocean 18 times and visited 35 foreign countries. He has recently returned from a year's trip around the world.



Kirby Page

DECEMBER 7

DR. EDITH HALE SWIFT

The Practice of Marriage

Since 1921 a staff member of the American Social Hygiene Association, Dr. Swift is a graduate of Radcliffe and of Johns Hopkins Medical School, a former attending physician at the New England Hospital for Women and Children, associate medical director of the Boston Children's Aid Society, and a medical examiner at Radcliffe and Wellesley colleges.



Dr. Edith H. Swift

DECEMBER 14

JUDGE BEN B. LINDSEY

Marriage, Present and Future

As author of "The Revolt of Modern Youth" and "The Companionate Marriage," Judge Lindsey has latterly given most of his attention to the problems of the modern family. He began, however, as everyone knows, as author of the Colorado Juvenile Court Law, and was for many years, from 1900 to 1927, judge of the Juvenile Court in Denver, where he made himself an international reputation in the judicial treatment of the delinquent child.



Judge Ben B. Lindsey

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December 1, 1930.

Mr. Kirby Page,
347 Madison Ave.,
New York City,
U. S. A.

My dear Mr. Page:

I must apologize for having delayed so long in answering your letter inquiring about the abbreviated edition of "Jesus or Christianity". The reorganization in the office of the National Committee has seriously affected our literature work. We seem to have no definite program as yet, and I am therefore not free to do anything for any book involving the National Committee. I hope, however, that before long I shall be in a position to see your book put through. I want to thank you also for your pamphlet on Gandhi. I am planning to make use of it in Association Progress.

During the last two weeks I have written two articles, "General Chiang Kai-shek Becomes a Christian" and "Rays of Hope in China Situation", the former about 3500 words was sent to Christian Century, the latter about 1500 words to the New Republic. I am wondering whether the World Tomorrow would welcome articles of this nature. I have asked Mr. C. C. Morrison in my letter to him that if he finds my article too long or in any way unsuitable for publication in Christian Century, he be good enough to forward it to you immediately for publication in the World Tomorrow. Please kindly let me know what actually took place. I shall appreciate it if you will help to make possible the publication at an early date of these two articles. I hope I shall be able to do more work along this line if these articles prove to be successful.

Thanking you for your cooperation, I am,

Yours cordially,

Y. K. Woo
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YKW/w

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Mr. Kirby Page,
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Dear Mr. Page:

It is good news that your letter of November 28 brings. The extra 500 copies of "The Abolition of War" will help us a great deal and do much good among the high-school students.

How about the announcement of the project in The World Tomorrow?

I was sorry I did not have opportunity to tell you how effective I thought your address on Gandhi was at the conference of the National Council for Prevention of War in October.

With kindest personal regards,

Faithfully yours,

Arthur Charles Watkins
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My dear Mr. Page:

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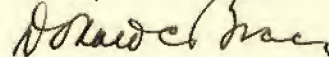
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My dear Mr. Page:

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Mr. Kirby Page,
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Dear Sir:

On behalf of the Reception Committee
I extend to you a cordial invitation to attend
the Nineteenth Annual Convention of the Hindustan
Association of America, to be held this year at
Cambridge on Dec. 26th, 27th and 28th.

I hope very much that you will be able
to favor us with your presence at the Convention
and thus help and guide us in our deliberations.

We expect to have some distinguished
Indians to take part in the programme, which will
include some public meetings and social functions.

In case it is not possible for you, on
account of other preoccupations or distance, to be
present, we hope that you will be able to favor
us with a message which we may read at the Con-
vention. The Hindustan Association needs your
guidance and assistance.

Very truly yours,

P. V. Bapat
Chairman Reception Committee

PVB-ESR

Kewal L. Motwani
Yale University

#442 Yale Station,
New Haven, Conn.
December 30 1930.

Mr. Kirby Page,
care The National Broadcasting Company,
New York.

My dear Mr. Page,

I was glad to hear your talk on India from the N.B.C. this afternoon. It seemed to state the case quite fairly and I must offer you our thanks for popularising our cause and winning American sympathy for it.

In one or two places, I must be pardoned for pointing this out, I felt some belaboured effort on your part to minimise the foolishness of the Indian Government. The Sedition Bill to which you referred was absolutely uncalled for ; and the gravity of situation and " the matters getting out of control " were really the effects, not the cause, ; of course, opinions may still differ as to whether the matters had really gone out of control. I think if you had added just one or two sentences here and cleared the point, your whole talk would have been flawless as far as the Indian point of view is concerned.

Pray do not take these remarks ill. They are not offered in spirit of criticism, but only to clear up a point on which I seem to think somewhat differently.

With best wishes for self and Mr. Sayre (I met him at the State University of Iowa in '28 or '29), I remain

Very sincerely yours,

Kewal Motwani

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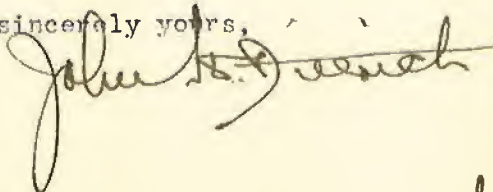
Dear Mr. Page:

On account of the critical and prolonged illness of my wife, I am taking advantage occasionally of prominent men and wellknown speakers who happen to be coming to Minneapolis, as substitutes in my pulpit on Sunday mornings. Knowing that you have been spending some time in Minneapolis almost every year, I am wondering if you will be back this year, and if you would be available for a Sunday morning. Also what your fee for such a service would be. I can promise you an audience of a thousand or more people in the auditorium, and many thousand others who listen on the radio.

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Dear Devere:

Nevin has probably sent you a copy of the final revision of the F. O. R. Statement of Purpose. Those of us who were on the committee of five had repeated meetings and struggled successfully to reach an agreement. Tell us what you think of the new statement.

Affectionately yours,

Kirby

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KP:ST

Dear Kirby: What a job you must have had - boy - I know! I think this gets somewhere, though it is a joint statement & a compromise & suffers as all such things inevitably must. I doubt if it makes a great difference to many, but it will help in numerous individual cases. I hope suggested 2 small changes of wording, now too late for English - the 1st to avoid 2 "others" & the 2nd two "purposes". I fancy I might have voted "No" or "Yes" if it were the Council; but I believe it to be a least common denominator of the F. O. R. & I will

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December 12, 1930.

Dear Council Member:

The poll of the Council which was taken on the proposed new statement of purpose resulted in 40 affirmative votes for the new statement and 4 negative ones. As 40 affirmative votes are more than the two-thirds of the Council required by resolution of the last general conference to adopt a new statement, the Council at its recent meeting in Philadelphia declared the new statement adopted.

The Council, however, asked the Committee which had drafted the new statement to go over it once more, revising it, if possible, in favor of brevity and smoother English. The Council decided that a copy of this revision should be sent to each member of the Council together with the statement of purpose already voted on. Meanwhile the drafting committee was given power to put its revised statement into effect unless enough immediate protests came in from members of the Council to warrant this committee in concluding that its revision departed in essential matters from the sense of the statement already adopted.

The Committee has now met and concluded its work of revision; therefore, attached is a copy of this revision together with a copy of the statement voted for by members of the Council. It is not necessary for you to reply to this letter or to vote again. If we do not receive weighty protests against the revision immediately, we shall consider that it is adopted.

Yours cordially,

JOHN NEVIN SAYRE

FOR THE COMMITTEE

JNS-AP

FINAL REVISION OF
STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Fellowship of Reconciliation is a group of men and women of many nations and races who recognize the unity of the world-wide human family and wish to explore the possibilities of love for discovering truth, dispelling antagonisms and reconciling people, despite all differences, in a friendly society. They believe that love, such as that seen preeminently in Jesus, must serve as the true guide for personal conduct under all circumstances; and they seek to demonstrate this love as the effective force for overcoming evil and transforming society into a creative fellowship.

The Fellowship of Reconciliation began in England soon after the outbreak of the World War as a movement of Christian protest against war and of faith in a better way than violence for the solution of all conflict. Most of the members have joined because of their desire to follow unswervingly the way of life exemplified by Jesus; some have received their inspiration from other religious leaders; and some have reached their faith in love and non-violence in still other ways.

Although members do not bind themselves to any exact form of words,

They refuse to participate in any war, or to sanction military preparations; they work to abolish war and to foster good will among nations, races and classes;

They strive to build a social order which will suffer no individual or group to be exploited for the profit or pleasure of another, and which will assure to all the means for realizing the best possibilities of life;

They advocate such ways of dealing with offenders against society as shall transform the wrongdoer rather than inflict retributive punishment;

They endeavor to show reverence for personality - in the home, in the education of children, in association with those of other classes, nationalities and races;

They seek to avoid bitterness and contention, and to maintain the spirit of self-giving love while engaged in the struggle to achieve these purposes.

It is intended that members shall work out these purposes in their own ways. There is no uniform program of social reconstruction to which all are committed. The movement does not depend upon a large number of nominal adherents, but upon those who, accepting the principles fully for themselves, will give time individually and in groups to thinking out what is implied, and will set themselves seriously to apply their conclusions. Such an endeavor inevitably brings a consciousness of insufficiency; but strength and wisdom, far beyond the limits of our present experience, are available to all who open their lives to the leading of the Spirit of God.

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December 16, 1930.

Mr. Kirby Page,
347 Madison Ave.,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Page:

We are today in receipt of the 500 copies of your pamphlet entitled "The Abolition of War". We are very grateful to you for these.

You will be interested to learn that already 1,700 high schools have registered with the Forum and many requests are coming for this particular pamphlet.

Faithfully yours,

Arthur Charles Watkins
Director.

ACW:n

December 17, 1930.

Dear Devere:

Due to the fact that I have been away from the city much of the time during the last three weeks it was only yesterday that Reinie, Kevin and I were able to have a good talk about your long letter. We realize, of course, that much of what you have written is irrelevant in view of the fact that we have weathered the financial storm and will be able to continue publication.

We are all clear that the emphasis of the magazine should be increasingly on radical religion, Christian socialism and absolute pacifism. I think it is probable that you would place more emphasis upon war resistance than I would although I count it one of a number of imperatively needed emphases. I would list the problems which should receive most attention in *The World Tomorrow* as follows: (1) war resistance, (2) constructive aspects of international organization, (3) economic questions, (4) race relations, (5) politics, (6) the interpretation of Jesus and the meaning of radical religion. Thus, I would emphasize war resistance equally with five or six other factors.

We all disagreed with your suggestion about changing the title of the magazine. We like the present title very much indeed.

In view of the fact that Kevin is to see you soon and talk over plans for next Fall, we discussed at some length the general question of personnel and division of responsibility. It seems imperative that we keep Gladys and Mae unless you are prepared to spend considerable time in office detail. Having reduced our staff by two members, Mae and Gladys have to do more detail work than formerly was the case.

In all our discussion we assumed that you did not desire to tie yourself down to an office job upon your return and therefore we take it for granted that it will be necessary for us to retain both Gladys and Mae. I feel absolutely certain about Gladys. She is doing wonderfully well and is improving steadily. I am not so sure whether we are going to get Mae out of the office soliciting money in person. I don't believe we can secure our budget year by year simply by writing letters. I have urged Mae endlessly to experiment with personal solicitation but thus far entirely without results. The response to our letters are wonderfully encouraging and far ahead of what we anticipated. We already have our budget for the year in sight

and hope to clean up most of the \$5,000 deficit. The response by mail has been so encouraging that I am afraid Mac is going to be satisfied to rely upon that type of solicitation. I am assuming that either Mac will make good or that it will be necessary for us to get somebody else to do the sort of thing he is now responsible for.

If we do retain both Gladys and Mac then I have very grave doubts as to whether there is enough work of a supervisory character to require two administrative editors, i.e. two editors who come to the office with some regularity and carry continuous responsibility of an executive character. You handled the situation easily while I was away and I am certainly spending not more than one-third of my time at The World Tomorrow now. Having reduced the magazine to 32 pages the amount of work is still less.

Therefore, I told Nevin and Reine yesterday that I thought it a waste of energy for both you and myself to carry administrative responsibility after your return. It seems to me one of us perhaps ought to assume a relationship to the magazine similar to the one Reine now has, i.e. to continue as full editor and share completely in the determination of policies and to do a regular share of editorial writing *also* articles.

I am not clear as to what you most desire to do when you come back. You may prefer to take on administrative responsibility in connection with The World Tomorrow or you may desire to major on writing and other pacifist activities. I am willing to consider shifting my own relationship to one parallel to that of Reine if this seems wise. Nevin is going to talk the whole matter over with you at great length and then both of you can write us freely as to how you feel about the whole matter.

Your long article on "The Balance Sheet of Labor" is very illuminating and will receive very wide reading in this country. We are featuring the address of Professor Bernstein. I hope all goes well with you folks.

With best wishes for a joyous Christmas season,

Affectionately,

KP/H

London, Dec 2, 1930.

Dear Kirby:

I have your nice letter of Nov. 21st.
Thanks for hustling it off to me.

I shall, of course, be eager for more details, but I can well imagine how this must have put you all behind in your schedule.

Don't worry about the upset to me; it was, naturally, a terrific blow, coming on top of the cable about the dinner etc., when I thought all was going rosily. Your own problem, as it affected all of you, was much more serious and worrisome. How the heck did that error of \$5,000 occur? Am I to blame for it? It was that which worried me, though I couldn't see where it could have come in.

You will surely appreciate that all of the suggestions in my long letter were made with the thought that the W.T. had gone under. If it can keep on, I certainly have no eagerness to be "a editor". But I do, seriously, believe the suggestions I made to be worth consideration. Even the title; for I wonder if we haven't got to the place where we can no longer afford to base our appeal on the future attainment of a dream. We have got to show people that we have something for today, and overcome the faintheartedness of people by letting them see how much of our sort of stuff is actually going on. But on this, as the other matters, I am entirely open to conviction in the opposite direction. As for what I said about divided impressions, or rather confusion, due to too many editors, I still think at that point that we do give a sort of harum-scarum appearance; but this, I believe, can be improved by more consultation, both among ourselves and with our group of advisers.

Well, anyway, bless you all and good luck in a hard job, which I feel I am dodging. Let me know how I can help, and don't work your fingers off. More later; I'm working on W.T. stuff right now.

Affectionately,

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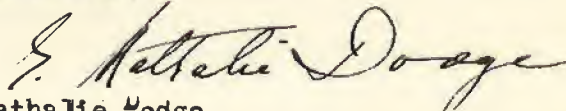
Mr. Kirby Page
347 Madison Ave.
New York City

Dear Mr. Page:-

I would like to let you know how very much I appreciated your giving those two fine talks on India for us over WEAF. The fact that you are so busy writing books and lecturing elsewhere makes it an even greater favor. Thanks a lot!

Those talks certainly did stir up somebody's ire. Did you see the polite little note from the man who nominated you to membership in the Ananias Club? It seems to me that that is a sure sign they were effective.

Sincerely,



E. Nathalie Dodge
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Dec. 23, 1930.

Mr. Kirby Page,

New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Page:

Last Friday at the meeting for our committee and others who are interested, you did just what we wanted you to do. We are grateful to you for the help and stimulation you gave us.

My best wishes go to you for Christmas and the New Year, a year which I trust will be filled with opportunities for you to serve the great Cause, as you can do so ably.

With very much thanks, believe me

Very truly yours,

ST/A

Samuel Tyler.



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Kirby Page, Esq.,
347 Madison Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Page:

You will be interested, I think, to know that we have decided to include JESUS OR CHRISTIANITY in The Anvil Dollar Library. This ought to step up the sale very considerably. The dollar edition will be issued toward the latter part of January.

Greetings,

Charles W. Smith

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NEWARK, N. J.

Jan 25, 1931

December 24, 1930.

Mr. Kirby Page,
c/o Y. M. C. A. Headquarters,
347 Madison Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Page:

I am very happy to confirm our recent telephone conversation arranging for a debate between Rear Admiral Fiske and yourself on the question "Should America Disarm" to be held over W O R on Sunday afternoon, January 25th, 1931, from 3:00 to 3:45 P. M. I will release this information to the press with your name for the affirmative and Admiral Fiske's for the negative.

The time allotment will be the same as in the "Ghandi" debate, namely, fifteen minutes each for the direct address and five minutes each for rebuttal.

Would you be kind enough to send me a copy of your remarks a few days before the debate?

Thanking you, and wishing you a very happy New Year,
I am,

Sincerely yours,

S. Theodore Granik
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Dear Old Coot:

I can feel your presence - though maybe it is a touch of sciatica. Anyway, it gives me a pain to think that you are in my parish and that I'll probably not see you. I need your advice greatly. I am responsible for the direction of the study to climax next June at Ohio Wesleyan. The subject specifically assigned to us in "Christian Ethics and Society". The method and material so closely parallel your "Danger Zones" that it seems like a duplication of effort. Yet I have to do it and naturally want to do it as effectively as I can. Can't you stop off for an hour? Won't you preach for me on Sunday? Can't we feed your funny face or bring any inducement to bear upon you? Please say yes - yes - yes - for I need you.

Forever Yours,

Jack.

Kirby Page,
Student Conference,
Asilomar, California.

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December 26, 1930

Mr. John Blank,
Blankville,
New York.

My dear Mr. Blank:

We have been thrilled by the response to our emergency appeal. So generous have our friends proved to be that there is no further peril of our being compelled to suspend publication. One cooperator has pledged \$3,000, another \$2,000 and several other persons have made substantial gifts. A total of 453 individuals have made pledges. In addition, we have arranged a substantial cut in our budget.

All these factors combined have brought us safely out of the danger zone. However, due to the deficit of \$5,000 with which we began the year, we still have a large amount to secure before our fiscal year closes in August. Doubtless many of our subscribers are intending to send in delayed pledges.

We are grateful beyond words for the loyal support received during this critical period. More than ever we are eager to make The World Tomorrow of maximum value to its readers. Therefore, we covet constructive suggestions and frank criticism from our friends.

Cordially yours,

Kirby Page

Reinhold Niebuhr

London, Dec. 27, 1930.

Dear Kirby:

This is just a note to say that we are leaving soon (Tuesday) for a month of strenuous travel, with hardly more than 2 nights in a place on the average. I'm desperately rushed, these last few days, but I'm counting on getting off at least 1 Last Page, a bit of departmental material, & an editorial or so, and possibly a short article. This, I fear, is all I can do until we reach S. France in early Feb. or late Jan. But be sure I shall do what I can. I'm slowed up a bit by some styne or other foul assault of nature which has my right eye - the good one! - nearly buttoned up. But we are otherwise fine.

I have been wondering how your

personal fortunes have been bearing up
under what appears an increasing depression.
So let me know. Our Norwalk bank closed
Dec. 1st, but luckily I had only about 60-70
dollars there & fear a gift account of some \$16.
But it has been awkward — I was using it
to pay U.S. bills with, & now have had to
open a checking account with Brown, Shifley
& Co., who demand my keeping \$500 in the
account all the time! This made me have to
draw faster on Kevin's Letter of Credit than I
wanted; but I had to work fast & could do
nothing else. Sending money orders is
very costly — time — consuming too. Mary Winsor
has failed to send me \$50 due long since, despite
appeals, & I fear for other pledges. We are making
for France where living is cheap (it is very high
here, it seems to us in comparison) & will have to
watch developments! Love & good luck, in everything,
if we don't write often for a bit don't worry.
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JEAN MARCHANDISE

BETHANY COLLEGE

BETHANY, W. VA.

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Bethany, December 30th

Dear Mr Kirby Page

I thought that the proximity of New Year's Day is a good opportunity to express to you my best souvenir of your stay at Bethany.

Maybe you don't remember me. The French exchange student, you know.

I paid much attention to your lectures; it was the first time in my life that I had the pleasure to hear a personality of your world. It was an unusual experience for me.

My year in this country provides me many chances to broaden my knowledges and my information about the economic and international of to day. I can

now understand them early and take great interest from the discussion of such questions. Your coming at Bethany is not stranger to this fact.

The experience I am getting here will be the basis of a good start in my active life, I should say - That is my hope.

I am sure that you receive in your tours, in every university, a wonderful welcome, and even more than at Bethany. It is, I think, the best moral reward to your activity -

In seven months I'll be back in France; if I might be of some utility for you over there, I should be very glad to do it.

JEAN MARCHANDISE
BETHANY COLLEGE
BETHANY, W. VA.
U. S. A.

It is now the time of
greetings.

I don't wish to fail to
send my best wishes of
an happy New Year.

Puisse la Nouvelle Année vous
apporter joie et bonheur, c'est le
vœu de

Jean Marchandise

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December 30, 1930

Mr. Kirby Page
347 Madison Avenue
New York City

Dear Kirby:

May I again express our profound appreciation for your leadership in connection with the McKendree College Conference at Lebanon, Illinois? Words are totally inadequate to express it, but I am eager that we may build stronger Student Christian Associations in Southern Illinois hanging around these experiences.

Sincerely yours,


Lisle T. Ware,
State Student Secretary.

LTW:ET

Sunday, June 22, 1930

Asheville Times

GANDHI'S LIFE MUCH LIKE CHRIST'S, SAYS BLUE RIDGE SPEAKER

(Special Dispatch to The Times)

BLUE RIDGE, June 21.—At the platform hour Saturday night, Kirby Page, editor of "World Tomorrow," lecturer and writer, addressed the student Y. M. C. A. conference, using as his subject, "Two of the Great Men of This Age." Mr. Page comes to Blue Ridge direct from Estes Park, Colo., here he delivered a series of addresses before the student Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. conferences meeting there, to deliver a series of addresses here on "Jesus and the College Man's Adjustment." Mr. Page recently returned from a tour of the world, in which he visited with many of the world's great men.

"Two of the world's great men," Mr. Page declared, "are Mahatma Gandhi, of India, and Toyohiko Kagawa, of Japan." Speaking of Gandhi, he said: "He regards himself as an orthodox Hindu, but a wide gulf separates him from the practice and beliefs of his co-workers. He refuses to label himself a Christian, yet few men in history have borne so striking resemblance to the Divine Galilean. Mahatma Gandhi, through his supreme devotion to the poor, his utter reliance upon love in the conflict with evil, his courageous and sacrificial spirit, his unshaken trust

in God, is much nearer to the religion of Jesus than are most persons who call themselves Christians.

"Toyohiko Kagawa," Mr. Page said, "is the outstanding Christian evangelist of Japan. Born of low parentage, his achievements in 42 years are practically unsurpassed. He has written 40 books on economics, socialism, science, religion, fiction and poetry. He has been a vigorous promoter of trade unions and cooperative societies and has encouraged the forming of a political party. In spite of all his earnings, for the past 14 years he has lived in the slums of Kobe, in a single room, six by nine, using his income to support various causes in which he is interested.

"What makes these men great?" Mr. Page asked. In answering the question he said, "There are four basic things common to their lives. First, the utter abandonment of themselves to a great cause. Second, they both practice silence, solitude and prayer. Third, they both have unbounded courage and sacrifice. And fourth, they both have supreme confidence that their task can be done. These are universal principles and they so permeated the life of Jesus that He based his way of life upon them."

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Letter from Mahatma Gandhi to R.B. Gregg.

(Not for Publication)

Sabarnati 29,
April/24, 1931.

I have your letter and I read your letter to Mira. I quite understand and appreciate all the anxiety shown by you in your letter to her. I do not know that I shall be going to London at all and I shall certainly not go if the way is not clear for me to deliver my message. That it is not likely to be accepted just now I have realized all along. But had the Congress not accepted the offer to discuss terms, the Congress would have put itself in the wrong. As it is we are safe either way. It will be great, good and grand if peace can be made permanent through negotiation. I shall therefore leave no stone unturned to reach that state but it will be equally good and grand if the negotiations prove fruitless. Then India will be put upon her mettle and will have to show her capacity for further suffering. There is no question of my being invited to parties, feted and lionized. I can eat nothing and thank God that my loin cloth will protect me from being exhibited as a specimen in Barnum's show. If therefore I go to London I go for solid business and to drink in the deep affection of chosen friends there. I refuse to speculate. I would go where the light leads me in the fullest faith that all will be well if I follow it.

Do not believe the rumours about my intended visit to America. Much as I should like to visit that great country, I know that my time is not yet, and I do not want to come as a nine days wonder.

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Lahore, India, January 1, 1930.

Dear Friend:

The past week has been one of the most interesting of my life. It has been our privilege to watch the proceedings at the Indian National Congress from the inside. We have now seen in action most of the outstanding nationalists of India, many of whom we had previously interviewed. We had also talked at length with Sir Phiroze Sethna, President of the National Liberal Federation, and Sir Taj Sapru and other leaders of that body, which has been holding its annual meeting at Madras during the past few days.

The prediction I made last month that if the British Government failed to give additional assurances, Mahatma Gandhi would lead his people in a campaign of non-cooperation and civil disobedience with complete independence as the immediate objective, has as you know been fulfilled. Whether he will succeed cannot now be foretold. The odds against him are titanic. My personal opinion is that it would have been a wiser policy to have attended the Round Table Conference and awaited its outcome before breaking with Great Britain.

My chief impressions of the situation are that Mahatma Gandhi stands absolutely supreme among India's political leaders at the moment; that the nationalists who believe in the use of violence may gain the ascendance and sweep Gandhiji aside if the struggle is prolonged; that the political rule of Great Britain in India is probably doomed; that India faces decades of strife and disorder before a stable and efficient Indian national government can be created; and that the nationalist leaders are motivated by the same love of liberty which drove George Washington and Thomas Jefferson to heroic action in 1776.

After the Lahore meeting there can be no doubt that Mahatmaji looms above his colleagues like a majestic peak above the plains. He had been elected President of the Congress for this year and had declined to accept. But in the Working Committee of fifteen members, in the Subjects Committee of two hundred, and in the main sessions of fifteen thousand, his influence was dominant. It is true that sections of his resolution relating to the reorganization of the Congress machinery were rejected, but no other leader wielded influence at all equal to his. The Presidential Address referred to him as "one who towers above all others in this present-day world of ours." The Moslem who gave the address of welcome said: "Mahatmaji is the one leader in whom the masses have faith. He is the one leader who commands nation-wide respect and affection." His name was mentioned literally hundreds of times in the public discussions.

India's saint has again assumed active political leadership. Indeed, Gandhi's political power is derived from his spiritual influence. Even his opponents pay reverent tribute to the godliness of his character, while the masses bow down in adoration before him. During one of the critical meetings of the Subjects Committee we saw striking evidence of the way he subordinates politics to religion. Even during the sessions of this supremely important assembly he has adhered to the practice of meeting with his friends for corporate worship each morning at 4:00 and each evening at 7:30. When the latter hour approached on Saturday, although one of his chief opponents had just risen to discuss an important point, the Mahatma slipped quietly out of a rear exit. Sherwood and I

eagerly accepted an invitation from his private secretary to join them. As soon as he and those of us who followed were outside the tent, the Volunteers formed a human-chain about us and cleared a way through the crowd, which quickly recognized Gandhi and gave rousing cheers for him. After half an hour in corporate worship, he returned to his political responsibilities. Whether or not Gandhi will long retain this undisputed leadership can only be determined by the course of future events, but just now he exercises spiritual and political mastery over more millions of human beings than any other man of the age.

It appears to me that Britain's political rule in India is probably doomed. The consent of the governed is rapidly being withdrawn. A tiny community of 165,000 Britishers cannot continue much longer to rule 319 million Indians in the face of determined and sustained hostility and opposition. British sovereignty will doubtless be supplanted by full Dominion Status, in which case British rule will become a rapidly diminishing factor as in Canada, or by complete independence for the Indian people. That the temper of the nationalists is steadily becoming more embittered and radical was revealed unmistakably at the Lahore Congress. The moderates had no chance whatever and were quickly swept aside. The resolution boycotting the Round Table Conference, rejecting Dominion Status, declaring for complete independence, boycotting the legislatures, and authorizing civil disobedience was carried almost unanimously, there being only a dozen or so votes in the negative. The section of the resolution which expressed appreciation of the Viceroy's efforts passed in the Subjects Committee with a majority of one lone vote, and in the Congress by a narrow margin. The section deploring the attempted assassination of the Viceroy also passed by a distressingly small margin, some 796 members voting against it.

Delegates who attempted to address the Congress in English were hooted down on a score of occasions, although no Indian language was understood by all those present. Only a courageous few succeeded in getting a hearing in English. The resolution favoring the repudiation of a portion of the national debt cannot be understood unless it is remembered that Great Britain saddled upon India much of the original cost of conquering the country and practically all the expenses from year to year of quartering British troops in India. Suppose that the thirteen colonies had been defeated in the Revolutionary War and had subsequently gained freedom, would they have shouldered the debts incurred by Great Britain in previously subjugating them? Whatever may be the justice of the case, it appears to me that the passage of this resolution by the Congress was unwise and inexpedient.

Speaker after speaker was guilty of disloyal or seditious utterance. Patrick Henry and Samuel Adams never desired freedom more passionately than do the Indian leaders nor used more vigorous language. "We have conspiracy cases," exclaimed President Jawaharlal Nehru, than whom no more honest or devoted patriot is to be found in any land, "going on in various parts of the country. They are ever with us. But the time has gone for secret conspiracy. We have now an open conspiracy to free this country from foreign rule." The boycott and mass civil disobedience are the methods by which the nationalists expect to obtain independence.

There is a strong tendency in European circles in India to scoff at the Indian National Congress and to regard its resolutions as mere words with no power behind them. That this body represents only a fraction of the whole

country is obvious. Just a few of the 69 million Moslems are represented in its councils. The 60 million untouchables are almost wholly inarticulate. The three million Sikhs are for the most part hostile. The National Liberal Federation embraces some of the ablest political leaders and is opposed to the demand for complete independence and separation. The nearly five million Christians, to the extent that they hold any political opinions whatever, are predominantly for Dominion Status, although there are notable exceptions within their ranks. The 72 million inhabitants of the Native States are ruled by their own Princes and are not directly involved in the present controversy. That is to say, groups comprising more than two-thirds of India's 319 millions are feebly represented in the Congress. Nevertheless, it is a fatal blunder to underestimate the significance of this movement for complete independence.

The strategy of non-violent non-cooperation is an exceedingly difficult one with which to cope. Lord Lloyd in a moment of frankness once admitted that it came "within an inch of succeeding" in 1921. "If they had taken the next step and refused to pay taxes," continues this former Governor of Bombay, "God knows where we should have been!" Thirty thousand patriots went to jail. The nationalists are in a much more desperate mood now than they were then. An English publicist in Calcutta expressed the opinion to me that if non-cooperation could be maintained on an extended scale for three months it would paralyze the Government.

The weapon of the industrial strike is also available. During the past few years large strikes have caused heavy loss to British investors as well as to Indian laborers. The condition of the urban workers in India is so wretched that serious unrest is chronic. They have little to lose by an uprising and always hope for some improvement by mass protest. The cry for independence is an appealing one to men of all races and the nationalist ranks in India will probably gain strength more rapidly than is generally expected.

Not least of all the factors is the magic spell over his people exercised by Mahatmaji. He told us that he thought that the response of the masses for the new call of non-cooperation would surpass that of 1920 and 1921. He has said to his intimate friends that he regards the coming crusade as the last and greatest fight of his career. He is prepared to put every ounce of his energy into it. Whether he can hold his followers to non-violence is problematical. The Communists as usual are fishing in troubled waters. About a hundred red flags of student sympathizers have been conspicuously waved at intervals in the sessions of the Congress. Open advocates of violence as they are, the Communists may deliberately incite the Government to repressive measures. If another General Dyer should again shoot down hundreds of unarmed Indians as was done at Amritsar in 1919, no one can predict what might happen. Moreover, the temper of the nationalists is certain to become more extreme the longer independence is delayed. In desperation, they may sweep Mahatmaji aside and resort to violence and terror.

Gandhi told us that his mind was "seeking a formula" which would enable him to continue non-violent non-cooperation even if certain unruly elements resorted to violence. He may find a justification on the ground that the abandonment of the non-violent campaign would merely increase the amount of violence. Even if he so desired, however, he would not be able to persuade his colleagues to abandon non-cooperation as he did in 1921. There will be no truce now until self-government has been achieved. Continued British rule will doubtless become increasingly difficult and diminishingly profitable. For these reasons it seems to me that British sovereignty in India is probably doomed.

The extreme action of the Lahore Congress seems to have shocked public opinion in England and America. It seems incomprehensible that with the Labor Government in office and a sympathetic Viceroy at Delhi the offer of a Round Table Conference should have been rejected. Why did they not wait and see what could have been achieved by discussion before resorting to non-cooperation?

My personal opinion is that the Congress has committed a grave blunder. To me it appears tragic that the nationalist leaders are boycotting the proposed conference and are inaugurating non-cooperation at this stage, when so many of their demands could have been obtained by persuasion and patience. I am of the opinion that more rapid and permanent progress would have been made if they had been willing to accept a new Dominion Status constitution which would have given them complete autonomy within one or two decades. Nevertheless, numerous conversations have enabled me to understand some of the reasons for this apparently precipitate and unwise action.

The simple truth is that Mahatma Gandhi and his colleagues believe that the Labor Government lacks both the will and the power to grant their minimum demands. By Dominion Status they mean the advanced political status of Canada. They insisted upon an assurance that this degree of autonomy would be granted at the Round Table Conference. They recognized the wisdom and necessity of permitting England to continue certain controls for a limited period. They were willing to retain British troops and a British commander-in-chief for a number of years and to allow England to direct foreign affairs and relations with the Indian Princes. But - and here is the crux of the whole controversy - they insisted that all this should be done at the request of the free Dominion of India and should be terminated at its pleasure or by previous agreement.

If they could have achieved immediate and full autonomy inside the British Commonwealth they would have been satisfied. But they are wholly unwilling to accept the status of a minor in the family and wait many years for the bestowal of full rights and privileges. They dismiss as irrelevant the question as to whether or not India is fit for self-government. They say that freedom is an inalienable right of a people and that a foreign power has no authority to decide how much and at what time liberty shall be achieved by more than 319 million persons of another race on another continent. They are making the same claims that were advanced by the leaders of the thirteen American colonies and by many other predecessors in history. And most Americans would do likewise if they faced a similar situation!

When it became apparent, after the conversation of the Big Five with the Viceroy on December 23rd, that the British Government had an entirely different conception of Dominion Status and was thinking in terms of a gradual march to a distant goal, Mahatma Gandhi felt obliged to recommend the drastic program which was adopted by the Congress. It seemed to him a waste of time to attend a conference when it was known in advance that the minimum demands of the nationalists would be refused. Moreover, Gandhi expressed to us the opinion that the Labor Government did not have the power even if it had the will to grant full Dominion Status. Not only is it a minority administration, within its own ranks are many vigorous opponents of autonomy for India. Many times Gandhi has said that liberty can never be gained as a free gift but must be claimed as an inherent right.

Then, too, Gandhi cannot afford to wait. He is past sixty years of age and in exceedingly frail health. If he is to make any further contribution

to the cause of delivering India from alien rule, he must act quickly. There was the further factor that even if he had counselled moderation, the Congress would probably have rejected his advice and adopted independence and separation as its goal. At the Calcutta Congress his resolution favoring a year's delay was adopted by a narrow margin, and the nationalists have certainly become more impatient during the intervening twelve months.

All these were contributory factors but the primary reason for Gandhi's recommendation to the Congress was the bed-rock fact that he and many other nationalists have lost confidence in Great Britain and are determined to resist its domination to the utmost limit of their ability. They are resolved to run any risk rather than to submit longer to alien rule. They are not in a mood to count their blessings and to await with patience further gifts from a foreign government.

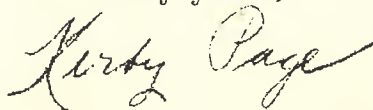
This is an appropriate hour for citizens of the United States to remind themselves of the temper displayed by their own Revolutionary Fathers and of the weapons these patriots felt justified in using. Pacifists who condemn the use of violence even in revolution and civil war can consistently criticize the present policy of the Indian nationalists on the ground that non-violence may soon be replaced by violence. But is it reasonable for others to do so? Mahatma Gandhi and his colleagues are able, in spite of the vast good that the British have accomplished in India, to present a far stronger indictment of British rule in India than George Washington and his associates framed against George the Third.

Most of my time since arriving in India has been devoted to a study of the political situation. Nevertheless, we have been able to see something of many other phases of Indian life. We attended two sessions of the Whiteley Industrial Commission in Bombay and have discussed economic questions with numerous persons in all parts of the country. A long trip through the Jute mill area near Calcutta proved to be illuminating. We have visited many colleges and talked with numerous students. In a few places I gave addresses, although I deliberately reduced my speaking engagements as much as I could since my purpose in making the trip is to gain an insight into the life of the country.

We have visited temples and mosques and conversed with many religious leaders. At Benares and Khaligat we saw the seamy side of Hinduism, just as Sabarmati revealed a more glorious aspect. The effective and heroic service being rendered by many missionaries has been impressive. It was good to renew our friendship with Stanley Jones. Agra at full moon gave us an unexcelled view of the Taj Mahal, the most beautiful structure I have ever seen in any country.

For three days and two nights now we shall travel by fast express to Madras, bringing our total wanderings inside India to upwards of 7,000 miles. We then go to Colombo, Ceylon, where on January 8th we are due to sail for the Philippines, China and Japan.

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kirby Page". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

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